

Connecting Loudoun

Making a Difference

A Message from Leon Evans, President, 2004-05 Loudoun Volunteer Services Board



In 1980, Loudoun County established the Volunteer Center. The mandate for the Loudoun Volunteer Services Board was to recruit, promote, advocate, and recognize volunteers in the County. As our new board begins a new year, this mandate remains

virtually unchanged. With Loudoun experiencing such rapid growth, the need for volunteers is increasingly evident. Housing, infrastructure, services, and the growing needs of families struggling to stay above the poverty line are some of the concerns facing the Loudoun community. By encouraging social responsibility through volunteering, we can help create a community of caring people.

The original founders of the Volunteer Services Board, including Mac Brownell, JoEllen Carci, Barbara Dutton, John Lindeman, Susan McDade, Chris Oxford, Helen Parker, Janet Perry, Jeannine Reynolds, Barbara Rutkas, Joyce Sargent, Diane Sullivan, Winnie Peele and Linda Neri, were individuals who paved the way. They worked tirelessly to create, implement, advocate, and promote the improvement of our community through volunteering. These men and women gave their time, energy, talent and expertise to elevate an organization and community to a level of service that ensures no one is left behind. The Loudoun Volunteer Services Board embraces the notion that giving of one's time and energy is the noblest of deeds. In fact, we believe that "Making a Difference" should be the central theme of social change and will continue to work towards "Making a Difference"...through the simple act of volunteering.

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Student Volunteers Honored

2004 Scholarship Winners Announced

Loudoun Volunteer Services is pleased to sponsor the Loudoun Student Volunteer Scholarship Program each year, in partnership with Loudoun County Public Schools. This program, which was started in 1993, provides academic scholarships to deserving high-school seniors who contribute their time and energy to various service organizations in our community. We seek to encourage all students to become civic-minded and to acknowledge and reward that initiative.

Through the Student Scholarship Program, graduating seniors in each Loudoun County public school and the C.S. Monroe Technology Center, as well as seniors in private schools and home-schooled seniors, are eligible for a \$500 scholarship. The award recipients are selected based on their volunteer service to the Loudoun Community. The program is funded each year by donations from Loudoun County businesses, civic groups and individuals.

We are pleased to recognize the 2004 Student Volunteer Scholarship recipients who are:

- Broad Run High School - Lisa Robinson
- Home School - Micah Willard
- Loudoun County High School - Bradley Cypher
- Loudoun Valley High School - Patrick Godfrey
- Park View High School - Richard Hang
- Potomac View High School - Joseph Boukhira
- Stone Bridge High School - Joshua Burnheimer
- Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology - Alexandra Shin

Thanks to Our Supporters

Generous donations supporting the 2004 scholarship program were provided by: America Online, David C. Culbert, Dulles Area Association of Realtors, Junior Women's Club of Loudoun County, Local Communications Network, Inc., Merritt Management Corp., Plant-A-Plant Landscaping Company, Remax Renaissance of Leesburg, Severn Mortgage Corporation, and Sherry Wilson & Company Remax Leaders.

We also extend our appreciation to Budget Blinds of Ashburn for its \$1000 contribution to the 2005 program. If your business or organization shares this commitment to our community and is interested in supporting our 2004-2005 Student Scholarship Campaign, please contact Lisa Rose, Volunteer Coordinator at 703-737-8424.

Student Volunteer of the Month Chosen

David Heisler has been selected as the April Student Volunteer of the Month by Loudoun Volunteer Services. David, a student at Broad Run High School, is an active volunteer at Loudoun Healthcare, having performed more than 100 hours of volunteer service. He enjoys volunteering his time in the emergency room and "has learned his job quickly and knows what is expected with minimal supervision," according to the staff at Loudoun Healthcare.

Encouraging the Young Volunteer

There are many reasons that volunteering is important, but for the young volunteer it promotes respect and care for others, having fun in a charitable environment, learning a sense of accomplishment, and developing toward a healthy life as an adult.

To help encourage this behavior, LVS has established several programs to help recognize Loudoun's youth for their outstanding volunteer service during the 2004-2005 school year. For example, LVS offers award certificates at the end of each school year. For elementary students, a Certificate of Appreciation will be awarded for any hours volunteered. For intermediate, middle, and high school students, a Certificate of Excellence will be awarded to students who volunteer up to 99 hours and a Presidential Certificate, signed by the President of the United States, will be awarded to students who volunteer more than 100 hours.

As featured on page 2 of this newsletter, LVS also sponsors a Student of the Month program. We are currently seeking nominations from schools and other organizations for this program, which recognizes students (or groups of students), pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, who volunteer their time in a variety of ways in their schools, churches, and towns.

LVS is also proud to sponsor a scholarship program for high school seniors; one from each public high school, private school, the Monroe Technology Center, and a home schooled graduate. With the support of local businesses we are able to reward civic-minded students who have displayed outstanding volunteer service.

For more information on any of these programs, please contact Lisa Rose at 703-737-8424. To learn more about Loudoun Volunteer Services visit www.loudoun.gov/pio/volunteer.htm.

SPOTLIGHT

Join RSVP!

Are you in need of mileage reimbursement to support your volunteer service? Interested in meeting senior citizens like you who are sharing their life experiences? If your answer is "Yes," the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) may interest you.



RSVP is part of Senior Corps, a network of national service programs that provides older Americans the opportunity to apply their life experience to meeting community needs. Anyone 55 or older, retired or semi-retired is eligible to register as an RSVP volunteer. For over 25 years, Loudoun County RSVP volunteers have shared their time and talents to enrich the community and annually serve over 36,000 hours at an estimated 45 local organizations. RSVP volunteers benefit from limited transportation reimbursement, volunteer insurance coverage, recognition and awards luncheon and a chance to meet new friends.

Please join this family of caring volunteers that are solving problems and bringing our community together. To learn more about the benefits of RSVP, call your Loudoun County RSVP Coordinator, Debra Bressler, 703-777-0505.

Sign Up Now!

Volunteers Needed...

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Loudoun County Light
the Night Walk,
Oct 9, 2004
703-960-1100

Fannie Mae Foundation

Help the Homeless
Walkathon, Nov 20, 2004,
National Mall
703-447-0242

Good Shepherd

Shelter cleaning,
maintenance, thrift store
703-433-2631

For More Volunteer Opportunities

Go to
www.loudoun.gov/pio/volunteer.htm
Or call 703-777-0113

Featured Event



The National Day of Doing Good

In Partnership with the Points of Light Foundation

Make a Difference Day began with a simple idea: Put your own cares on hold for one day to care for someone else. Now in its 13th year, the nation's largest single day of volunteering hit its stride on October 23, 2004.

Loudoun County invites everyone to "Make a Difference" by collecting items for the Holiday Coalition, an organization dedicated to making the holidays brighter for our county's less fortunate families, children and senior citizens. Encourage your family and friends to start filling laundry baskets with household cleaning items, personal care products and non-perishable food, and drop them off at the Dulles 28 Centre on October 23!

Sign up today! For your contribution list and details about Make a Difference Day and the Holiday Coalition, call 703-777-0113.



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